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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were in the application as filed. In a previous amendment, claims 5, 7, and 14 were cancelled without prejudice, and claims 20-22 were added.

The Examiner has allowed claims 6, 8, 13, and 15-22, and has indicated the allowability of claim 4 if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 4 depends directly from claim 1) and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's early notification of allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3 and 9-12 stand rejected. In this Amendment, claims 2, 3, and 9-11 have been amended, and claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 23 has been added.

Claim 23 depends from allowed claim 13, and, in depending from claim 13, encompasses the subject matter of claims 1 and 4. The dependency of claims 2, 3, and 9-12 has been changed from claim 1 to claim 23.

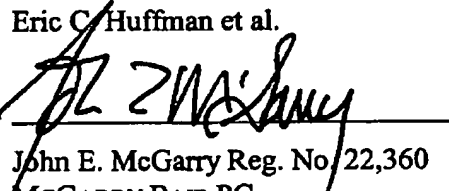
The amendments made herein add no new matter. Claims 2, 3, 6, 8, 9-13 and 15-23 have either been deemed allowable or depend from allowable claims, and are thus in condition for immediate allowance. Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request an Advisory Action be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues which the Examiner believes may be resolved in an interview, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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